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## CLASSICS SAVE THE DAY

A broken-down train failed to stop the fun at the Faversham Classic Car and Motorbike show on Sunday. As part of the festivities many visitors had booked a ride through the Swale countryside on a steam train. Unfortunately, the 143-tonne engine, 70013 Oliver Cromwell, broke down on Friday afternoon and South Eastern Rail said it was too late to organise a replacement.

A spokesman for event organiser Shepherd Naeme said: "We found another steam train that could have been operated, but Network Rail said it was too late. It's hugely disappointing."

However, spirits weren't dampened for long as the brewer handed out free beer as consolation.

More than 100 classic cars and motorbikes were on display in the town centre with thousands of people in attendance.

■ BY JILL HURST

THE MP for Faversham has been named Minister for the Olympics as part of the coalition Government.

Ex-Army officer Hugh Robertson met Prime Minister David Cameron and his deputy, Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg, late last week in London to accept the role.

Before the announcement, the father-of-one said he was unsure if he would secure his dream job, following an agreement between the Prime Minister and Mr Clegg to appoint a number of Lib Dems to Cabinet positions.

However, speaking after the announcement, Mr Robertson said: "You never bank on getting these jobs and clearly with all the negotiations that have been going on I didn't know if I was likely to get it or not, but I'm absolutely delighted I did."

"What with the planning for the 2012 Olympics and the bid for the 2018 football World Cup, there's never been a more exciting time to be a sports minister. I'm hoping to help build a sporting legacy for this country off the back of them both."

The news of Mr Robertson's post is seen as a major boost for Faversham and its aim of revitalising the Creek. The Conservative has spoken of his desire to see the Cambria barge sail out of Faversham and up the Thames during the Olympics, placing the historic market town on the international map.

After hearing the news, fellow Swale MP Gordon Henderson said: "I'm delighted Hugh has been made Sports Minister for the Olympics. He is an excellent chap who has

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**REPAIR PROBLEM:** The cricket pitch at Sheldwich has been wrecked by a young driver

# Boy racer gets car back after pitch damage

■ BY JILL HURST

A BOY racer who churned up a cricket pitch near Faversham had his car confiscated by police, only to have it returned again.

Chairman of Sheldwich Cricket Club, Martin Mills, said he thought his problems were over when he heard a yob's silver Vauxhall Corsa had been seized.

But police seized the car but once the offender pays the storage costs, then it has to be released.

Mr Mills said: "We've had problems for more than two years. We believe it to be the same lad.

"This year was particularly bad and he caused more damage than before.

"When we heard he'd had his car seized we were thrilled, but then we heard the car had been returned.

"He should have lost his car by default. To a young man his car is probably his biggest possession and in my view a clear message should have been sent out.

"He has paid £290 to get it back, so we have to wait and see if he

turns up again."

A police spokesman explained: "Once the vehicle is seized, it is taken to a storage facility and if the owner decides to pay the costs to get the car back then they can.

"Obviously the incidents relating to them driving antisocially will remain on their record and if they continue doing it, more serious action can be taken."

Mr Martin says the youth's antics had left them with a huge repair problem.

He said: "Because it's been drier, we've been left with three-inch gouges which are impossible to fix with the roller.

"This lad didn't just come on to the pitch and use it as a practice track, he was also very aggressive to people. On one occasion he drove straight for one of the neighbours, narrowly missing them.

"We are pretty confident we know who it is."

According to Mr Mills, the teenager, who police have not yet named, has also caused damage to the cricket nets by swinging on the roll cages.

The chairman says he has visited the teenager's home to try to find a resolution, but his father denies his son is involved.

## Robertson lands top job with new coalition

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he will be extremely effective in his new role. It's great news for Swale."

Mr Robertson has also received the blessing of a number of high-profile sports stars including gold medallist Dame Kelly Holmes, according to the Games website.

Dame Kelly is reported as saying: "I think he is a good guy for the job.

"Obviously I feel sorry for Tessa [May] because I know she has put her heart and soul into the Olympic bid the last few years.

"But I think Hugh will do a fantastic job of making sure we get what we need out of the games and post-games which is even more important."

Mr Robertson has been the MP for Faversham and mid-Kent since 2001.

He retained his seat on May 6 with a landslide 26,250 votes beating his nearest rival, Liberal Democrat David Naghi by 17,088 votes.

## Police get lowdown on island concerns

A MOBILE police station patrolled the Isle of Sheppey last weekend hearing residents' concerns.

The neighbourhood team visited Leysdown, Eastchurch and Minster talking to 36 people about their policing priorities.

Sergeant Stef Martin said: "The issues highlighted were speeding, anti-social behaviour and littering. As a result we will be visiting five areas where anti-social behaviour is seen as a problem, we have speed checks planned and we are enlisting Swale council's help with littering.

"We are glad to say people with concerns were in the minority and most people we talked to were happy to report they had no problems."

Officers plan to patrol the island again in June.

## Your opportunity to raise your concerns

TOWNSPEOPLE are invited to attend a police surgery meeting in Sittingbourne on Thursday, May 27.

The event is designed for members of the community to raise any concerns or issues they may have with policing in the area. It will take place at Woodgrove School, Homewood Avenue from 7pm.

For more information contact PCSO Ansbro on 01795 419119.

# Hunt for thugs in vicious attack

POLICE are hunting two thugs who launched a vicious and unprovoked attack on a young man on the Isle of Sheppey last week.

The 29-year-old man was sprayed in the face before being assaulted at the Telescope Alley end of James Street, Sheerness at 9.30am on Wednesday, May 12.

His 32-year-old friend was also attacked when he tried to intervene.

Officers are not linking the attack with an assault last month where the victims were also sprayed in the face.

Investigating officer DC Steve Rees said: "As the victim got into his car he was approached by a man who sprayed something in his face and then assaulted him. The victim suffered a broken arm and serious lacer-

ations to his head and was taken to hospital for treatment. He is now out of hospital and is making a good recovery but is still very shaken by what happened.

"When his friend tried to intervene he was also assaulted, sustaining a cut to the back of his head.

"We know there was a second offender present, although we don't yet know the extent of the part he played in the two assaults, and we are keen to trace both men."

DC Rees added: "The two men made off from James Street on foot via Telescope Alley and headed into Clyde Street. We think they got into a light-coloured van in Alexandra Road and drove off towards Marine Parade. We believe the van had black

writing on the back with the partial word 'stoke' on it.

"This was a particularly nasty, unprovoked assault and we are keen to trace the two offenders. We are appealing for anyone information."

The first suspect is described as white, aged about 30, of large build and wearing a beige or grey top and jeans. The second man was also white, heavily built with short dark hair and about 5ft 10in. He was in his late 20s to mid 30s, wearing jeans and a dark blue top with a light coloured T-shirt underneath.

Anyone with any information should call Sittingbourne Police Station on 01795 419161 or Kent Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555111.

# Death crash driver is jailed for four years

■ BY JILL HURST

A DRIVER has been jailed and given a lengthy ban after causing a serious accident which claimed the life of a teenage boy.

Anthony Farmer, of Sanders Court, Minster, admitted a charge of causing the death of 17-year-old Tom Graysmark by dangerous driving, on August 14, 2009.

Farmer, 27, was jailed for four years, banned from driving for six years and ordered to take an extended re-test at the end of his disqualification.

Farmer had been driving friends, including Tom, from Leysdown to Sheerness. The group had been visiting Tom's sister.

The court heard how Farmer drove his Peugeot 106 along Lower Road at Brambledown when he began overtaking other vehicles while he was negotiating a right hand bend. As a result he collided head-on with a Rover 75.

Tom, who was a front seat passenger, suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The two elderly occupants of the Rover, together with one other passenger in the Peugeot, were taken to hospital with serious injuries.

Farmer was flown to hospital by helicopter with serious chest injuries and he has now made a full recovery.

After the case at Maidstone Crown Court, a statement from Tom's family was issued by police.

It said that their lives had been devastated by Farmer's stupidity and there could be no justice.



**TRAGEDY:** Tom Graysmark, above, a front-seat passenger in Anthony Farmer's Peugeot 106, died in the head-on smash

They added: "Since losing Tom, our lives have changed through no choice of our own. Living without Tom is unbearable.

"Not only has Tom's death affected our lives, but the whole family, friends and anyone else who knew him.

"There are no words that can describe the feelings, the pain and the hurt we all feel. It is indescribable. Tom had no control over his life that night. The driver of the car was responsible for the lives of his passengers. His actions and stupidity resulted in Tom's needless death.

"Whatever happens, there will be no justice for us or for Tom."

Sgt Glyn Walker, of the serious collision investigation unit, said: "What should have been an enjoyable night out ended in tragedy as a result of the complete disregard by Farmer for other road users and the safety of his own passengers.

"Kent Police and the Crown Prosecution Service will continue to robustly prosecute such drivers as part of our efforts to reduce the numbers of those killed and seriously injured on the roads of Kent."

## ASBOs aimed at rowdy tenants

ROWDY tenants were issued with anti-social behaviour orders for a string of antics that spanned more than two years.

Magistrates imposed an ASBO on Philip Pearson, 41, of St George's Avenue, Sheerness, and two days later issued a second ASBO to Elizabeth Mackrill, 54, of Cavell Way, Sittingbourne.

Under the terms of the orders, the pair are forbidden from behaving in any loud, drunk, rowdy or abusive manner within or around their neighbourhoods for a period of two years.

### Banned

Mackrill is also banned from entering the surrounding area of St George's Avenue for the duration of the order.

A spokesman at Amicus Horizon housing association said: "Mr Pearson's behaviour became a problem in January, 2008, when neighbours reported loud, drunken and often abusive behaviour.

"Because Mr Pearson's and Ms Mackrill's behaviour was irregular, it did lengthen the operation, but made it even more important for us to build a watertight case."

## Charity cash box suspects bailed

TWO teenagers have been arrested on suspicion of theft after a cash box containing £18 was taken from the RSPCA charity shop in Sheerness.

The box was taken from the shop in Broadway, sometime between 11.30am and 12.45pm on May 5.

An 18-year-old from Queenborough and a 19-year-old from Sheerness were arrested on suspicion of theft.

The 19-year-old was also arrested for allegedly assaulting a police officer.

Both have been bailed until June 10.

## Nuisance bikers

POLICE are asking the public to report nuisance motorcyclists as the warmer weather arrives.

PCSO Jack Berriman-Fairbrother says police are ready to seize bikes being ridden in an anti-social way.

He said: "We have already seized nuisance bikes and will continue to pursue those who ride illegally.

"Many of these bikes are dangerous, leak fuel and have not passed safety regulations.

"They have a big impact on the community, especially during the summer when people are trying to enjoy the outdoors. They also damage farmers' crops.

"And safety is a worry. I'm particularly concerned about young children being knocked over."

If you have information about nuisance bikes, call Sittingbourne police on 01795 419119.

## Booze ban zone

DRINKERS had nowhere to hide as police patrolled the streets of Sheerness to enforce the alcohol ban zone.

Officers who conducted a sweep of the High Street and surrounding area earlier this month confiscated and disposed of booze from nuisance and underage drinkers.

Sgt Stef Martin said: "We can seize alcohol in the zone and if people refuse to hand it over or leave the zone, we can issue a fixed penalty notice or arrest them."

## 'No engine' claim is a non-starter

A BANNED Sheppey motorist who lied to police for more than eight months has been jailed for driving while disqualified.

Paul Andrew Griffin, of Turmine Court, Minster, was already serving a suspended sentence for driving while disqualified when an off-duty police officer saw him getting into a green BMW on Minster Road in September, 2009.

### Denial

The 40-year-old denied driving the car, saying the engine had been removed at the time of the offence.

The father-of-one stuck to his story for more than eight months and at a cost of thousands to the taxpayer.

However, CCTV footage presented

at Sittingbourne Magistrates' Court on May 13 prompted a change of heart and Griffin pleaded guilty to driving while disqualified and not having valid insurance.

The court heard how Griffin, who has previous convictions dating back to 1989, had recently tried to turn his life around by signing up for college courses in maths, English and ICT, with the result his offending "calmed down".

However, magistrates rejected a request not to impose a prison sentence, saying there was a "clear and persistent" pattern of offending.

Griffin was sentenced to 120 days imprisonment, disqualified from driving for 18 months and ordered to pay £100 costs.

## Police surgery at Woodgrove

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**UNDER ARREST:** Former firefighter Garry Mann pictured when he was arrested in Portugal during Euro 2004

# Mann flies back to Portugal for jail sentence

GARRY Mann, the football fan from Faversham convicted of hooliganism during Euro 2004, has finally been extradited to Portugal to serve a two-year jail.

Garry Mann, of Gordon Square, fought his extradition for 18 months but a final attempt was rejected at the High Court on May 7.

Judges described his application for bail, as "arguable" and the 52-year-old travelled back to Portugal on May 12.

An d last week Mann, a former fire-fighter for 31 years, flew from London Heathrow airport to Lisbon, where he was transported to an undisclosed prison.

Speaking to Yoursware before his extradition, Mr Mann said he had been hung out to dry. He said: "My faith in the justice system has gone. I relied on it to do the right thing. The foreign office had evidence that proves I was telling the truth but have sat on it and that hurts."

Speaking to a BBC reporter before boarding his plane at Heathrow, he added: "It is time for the new Government to do something about the European arrest warrant and for the British people to realise what the European arrest warrant is about."

"What started off as being designed for terrorists can now be used for anyone on holiday, and English supporters abroad and

■ BY JILL HURST

something needs to be done about it."

Mann claims he did not receive a fair trial over his part in a riot in the Algarve resort. A Birmingham City supporter, he has always maintained his innocence saying he was drinking with friends in a bar in Albufeira when a riot began in a nearby street.

He was arrested, tried and convicted within 48 hours.

His lawyers maintain he was only allowed five minutes with his barrister before the trial, could not understand the proceedings and did not know what charge he faced until after he was convicted.

He accepted voluntary deportation from Portugal which he understood to be in place of serving his sentence in Britain.

On his return a British judge found the trial had contravened his human rights and he was not made to serve his sentence.

Mann heard nothing until 18 months ago when he was unexpectedly arrested under the European arrest warrant system.

Portuguese authorities said the delay in extradition was because they were unaware Mann could not be jailed in the UK unless he had begun his sentence in Portugal.

As an extradition hearing does not review the evidence, Mann has never had the opportunity to present his defence.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Camera set up to catch wrong-way drivers

A HAWKEYE camera has been set up in Shortlands Road, Sittingbourne to tackle drivers who persistently ignore the one-way system.

Police have already identified a number of offenders and are set to prosecute those who ignore their warnings.

The operation was launched in response to a number of complaints from worried members of the community.

PCSO Ian Henderson said: "It is important that we stress to drivers the dangers of this action to local people, cyclists and vehicles who are travelling the correct way.

"Due to the way this road is designed, there are a lot of blind corners where an accident could potentially happen."

## Assault leads to arrests

TWO men have been arrested following a serious assault on a 33-year-old delivery driver at the Co-op store in London Road, Teynham.

The victim suffered injuries to his head and face when he was attacked outside the shop in the early hours of Saturday, May 8.

A 22-year-old man and a 21-year-old man, both from the Teynham area, were arrested in Sittingbourne on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm.

Both men are currently being questioned at Sittingbourne Police Station.

## Teenagers held after raid

TWO teenagers were arrested after police raided a house in Sittingbourne.

A 16-year-old boy was arrested on suspicion of possession of a class B drug, together with a 15-year old boy suspected of breaching his bail conditions.

The arrests were made after police executed a warrant to search a property in West Lane on May 14, when they seized a small quantity of what is believed to be amphetamine.

The 16-year-old boy is still being questioned by police, while the 15-year-old is due to appear before magistrates.



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## School building reflects aviation history

PLANNING permission was granted for a £4.3 million school building on Sheppey designed in the shape of a plane wing.

Sir Winston Churchill was one of many who learnt to fly on Sheppey and the design recognises the island's rich history.

The building will replace temporary classrooms at Eastchurch Primary School.

The plan was agreed by Kent County Council's planning committee on Tuesday, May 11. Designed by Dover-based Hartwell Architects, there will be seven classrooms with renewable-energy technology, including solar panels.

Building work starts this summer and will be completed in September 2011.



The building will house 210 pupils and is an extension to Eastchurch Primary School. It will have the same head teacher and governing body, but will be located about two miles away from the main school in Eastchurch.

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## Isle fly-tipper pays price for littering

A FLY-TIPPER from the Isle of Sheppey has been convicted by Sittingbourne magistrates and ordered to pay £100.

Tony Ashdown, 25, of Ferry View, Queenborough, was sentenced on Monday, last week.

He pleaded guilty to dumping waste, including a motorised bike and a plastic slide, on land at Cromwell Road, Sheerness.

Ashdown was caught when council officers witnessed him littering.

A Swale council official said: "Our environment officers will take action against anyone seen fly-tipping. We also welcome reports of fly-tipping and information from the public that can lead us to those responsible."

Contact the council on 01795 417580 or report fly-tipping via the home page of the [www.swale.gov.uk](http://www.swale.gov.uk) website.

## Clean beach pride

THE Tidy Britain Quality Coast awards have praised the beaches at Sheerness and Leysdown on the Isle of Sheppey.

It follows last year's success when both beaches were included in the Good Beach Guide for high water quality standard.

Graeme Tuff, Swale council's green space officer, said "The awards are recognition of the effort put into keeping the beaches in great condition."

"The awards are about about cleanliness, water quality, facilities and management of the beaches. This represents a great team effort by beach cleaners and lifeguards to keep standards up. This is the perfect start to summer for isle tourism."

# Polytunnels decision now rests in hands of inspector

■ BY JILL HURST

AN APPEAL hearing for planning permission to cover 18 hectares of Faversham farmland with 8,000 polytunnels has concluded.

All parties must now wait to find out if the Government planning inspector will pass the application for strawberry growers to expand at Hernhill Nurseries, near Dargate.

S&A Group wants to increase production using plastic polytunnels to protect the crop and increase yield.

However, after a landmark ruling in 2006, polytunnels must have planning permission before any construction can take place.

The nursery grows 1,500 tonnes of strawberries using 15 hectares, but owners hope to double output and compete against foreign importers using an additional 18 hectares.

Residents living near the site, including former boxer Barry McGuigan, opposed the appeal. They said that as well as spoiling the views, the structures would exacerbate the flood-risk on the land, north west of the Thanet Way A299 and south of High Street Road, Waterham.

The appeal heard that up to six planning officers had recommended approval since the application was first submitted in 2008. However, Swale councillors overruled the decision. The inquiry followed appeals by the nursery.



UNDER COVER: S&A Group wants to more than double the amount of land turned over to polytunnels

An economist speaking on behalf of S&A Group told planning inspector Jennifer Vyse additional land would bring jobs and income to the area.

James Standard said: "Nineteen full-time staff are employed by the nursery together with 450 seasonal workers. With the additional land, this would increase to 39 permanent staff and two apprenticeships. The polytunnels would enable an all-year season and the workers could be employed year round."

"The polytunnels would also see the company increase purchases made locally from £3.1 million to £6.3m and the company would increase its contribution to the local economy from £9.2m to £15.4m."

"What else could contribute £6.2m to the local

economy and create that number of jobs?"

When challenged by opponents of the scheme, including Martin Parsons, of Waterham Road, the company conceded their promise of purchasing local produce was countywide and not targeted at Swale firms.

The company revealed plans to install bunds to address flooding concerns. Bunds would permit the retention of winter floodwater to counter summer deficits, creating permanent lagoons and protecting vulnerable areas from permanent flooding.

Mrs Vyse ordered an appraisal of the bunds by the Environment Agency.

The outcome of the appeal will be announced in the next few weeks. If it fails, S&A Group could take the case to the High Court.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### NEIL BENNETT



**Q** Tell us about the pub

**A** The White Horse is a 13-bedroom country inn in The Street, Boughton. We took over the pub on March 5, and plan to make it one of the top dining destinations in Kent, whilst also keeping the relaxed atmosphere of a traditional country pub.

The White Horse is a family-run pub with me in the kitchen, and Amber my wife and my parents Jim and Jill running the front of house.

We came to the White Horse after we spotted it was up for tenancy by Shepherd Neame. We were looking to run our own pub after years of working for other people at top class restaurants around the country and felt the White Horse had a lot of potential.

We would love to win some accolades for the pub and gain recognition as a venue for consistently good food and service.

The pub is steeped in history, having been mentioned in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales and also serving as a court house, where rioters were sentenced to death in the 19th century. It is 500 years old, so it has all the traditional features of wooden beams and open fire places as well as a large garden. We also have a bat and trap team that plays in the top garden.

The pub is just a few miles from historic Canterbury and the market town of Faversham, and the beautiful Mount Ephraim gardens are a stone's throw away.

**Q** What are your plans for the pub?

**A** We want to make it a friendly welcoming place to visit. We cater for all needs, whether it is a quick pub lunch from our snack menu or a romantic evening meal from the a la carte menu, or you can just pop in for a quick drink.

Overall we just want the pub to be a busy little pub serving great food and drink. We are also planning some themed evenings in the future, the first of which is a murder mystery evening with a three-course dinner for £35 which will be great fun.

**Q** Tell us about yourself

**A** I have trained for the past 19 years in some of the country's best hotels and restaurants, having gained numerous awards. I was brought up in Newcastle and my passion for food came from my mother, who was always cooking when I was younger. I went to college for three years to train as a chef before going to London where I trained with Paul Gayler at the Lanesborough Hotel in Knightsbridge. From there I moved to Prue Leith's Michelin-starred restaurant in Kensington.

**Q** How have you applied this experience to the White Horse?

**A** The food that was offered at the pub when we arrived was the usual pub grub, but we

have turned this around by making all the food fresh from local ingredients. This is essential to us as it helps to keep the standards high.

The aim of the menu is to try and stay British, but not to be confined by the ingredients. This means that we can offer some twists to old favourites and add a few new ones, such as the ballotine of hot smoked salmon on a celeriac remoulade, topped with poached quail's egg and a mustard cress salad, or the fillet of pork with black pudding and apple wrapped in filo pastry.

**Q** What is the best bit part of the job?

**A** The best bit of my job is being my own boss and getting to work with my family in an area which has so many good local suppliers of fresh produce.

**Q** And the worst?

**A** The biggest challenge is trying to turn the reputation of the pub around, as it has dwindled in previous years. This will be an uphill battle, but I know we will succeed.

**Q** What do you do in your spare time?

**A** On the rare occasion that we have spare time we like to walk our dog and go to the cinema.

**Q&A**

The chef and landlord of the White Horse pub in Boughton, near Faversham, talks to **Jill Hurst** about his ambitious plans for the restaurant, and his career working in some of the country's top class restaurants

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# Snail farm is aiming to turn pests into pounds

■ BY JILL HURST

THE common snail is normally viewed as a pest rather than a pleasure, and most people would rather poison them than consider eating them.

However a snail farm aims to buck the trend when it opens in Faversham, breeding snails for the gourmet food market.

The Slow Summer Snail Farm will open on May 29 at Brogdale Farm – home of the national fruit museum.

Helen Howard, of Snail Farm, said: "Snails are largely considered a pest in the UK. However, unlike their garden cousins, these are edible and delicious and we would love to encourage more people to try them.

## Gastronomes

"The idea behind the farm is to encourage people to taste them and to learn more about them from handling them. They are safe to handle and the slime is thought to have antibacterial properties. Indeed snail slime is used to manufacture skin creams.

"For the gastronomes there will be snails cooked in garlic butter to take away."

Sally Roger, at Brogdale Collections, added:



**SLOW COOKER:** This snail from Slow Summer Farm is destined for the frying pan with a knob of garlic butter

"Most gardeners try to keep snails out of the garden. However, what better place to see them than in the lovely setting of Brogdale Farm.

"If snails don't take your fancy, there are plenty other things to see and do."

Snail farming is big business in Europe, with 700 million consumed each year in France alone.

Eying up the lucrative market, Eastern European businesses quickly got in on the act and, with the perfect climate for snail breeding, British companies are increasingly keen to do the same.

However, before you rush out into your garden with your frying pan and a bulb of garlic, an expert has issued a cautionary warning.

## Process

Andrew Downes, a partner in the South West Snails company, breeds the *Helix aspersa mixima* snail for top chefs including Gordon Ramsay, Albert Roux and Gary Rhodes.

He says while it's possible to eat a garden snail, they may have eaten slug pellets or pesticides or toxic plants and pass these on to you.

And while wild snails may solve this problem, they would need to be purged before they're consumed to ensure that all grit or toxic substance has left their body and this process can take anything from a few days to a month.

So it's a lottery. And one can safely conclude that the traditional power struggle between gardener and snail will continue.

But not at The Slow Summer Snail Farm.

For more information, telephone 07811 395974 or visit [www.snailfarm.org.uk](http://www.snailfarm.org.uk)

## Missing kayaker is found safe at home

RNLI Sheerness Inshore lifeboat launched a search and rescue mission after a kayaker was reported missing.

The crew were called to the River Medway after the man had become separated from a group of three who were heading from Hoo to Upnor on May 13.

Crew member Tony Smith went ashore at Hoo Island to commence a land search working alongside the coastguard and RAF search and rescue.

Fortunately, the missing man was discovered safe and well after making his way back home.

An RNLI spokesman said the incident was being treated as a good intent call.

Conditions at the time were said to be calm seas, with a southerly force two wind and good visibility.

The RNLI is an independent charity. To support them visit [www.rnli.org.uk](http://www.rnli.org.uk) or telephone 0845 0456999.

## Vandals leave cars damaged in attack

SITTINGBOURNE police have appealed for information after a number of vehicles parked in Bull Lane, Newington, were damaged.

Seven cars were reported to have been scratched between 11.30pm on Sunday, May 9 and 9am the following morning.

Police anticipate this number to increase.

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# Stimson goes as Scally cuts Gills jobs after latest defeat

A WHIRLWIND week at Gillingham FC has led to an uncertain future for players and supporters of Kent's only Football League club.

Chairman Paul Scally moved quickly following the Gills' second relegation in three seasons last weekend, first announcing the departure of manager Mark Stimson and then the surprising release of all 14 out-of-contract players.

The Dubai-based businessman told the BBC he was angered by the manner of the team's 3-0 defeat at Wycombe, which sealed the club's fate in front of more than 2,700 away fans.

He said: "The performance was alarming for me and I troubled about it all over the weekend. I don't remember feeling as low as I feel at the moment, because I feel I've failed."

"I appointed the manager and I stuck by

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

him. I gave him the funds he needed at every instance, I worked him a decent budget and I think we've got a very good squad of players."

Former Grays and Stevenage boss Stimson was appointed Gills manager in November 2007, but was unable to halt the club's slide into League Two.

His new-look team bounced straight back with promotion via the play-offs in May 2009, but failed to win a single away game in a disappointing return to the third flight.

## Resignation

Supporters verbally abused Stimson and called for him to resign following the disastrous defeat at Wycombe, but the 42-year-old refused to budge until Mr Scally forced his hand two days later.



**SHAKE-UP:** Gillingham FC chairman Paul Scally, left, and the favourite to take over as manager, Andy Hessenthaler

"I'm contracted but that will be up to the chairman," Stimson told KOS Media after the game.

"He'll make that decision and I'm sure he'll be honest with me. You can see that the supporters weren't too happy at the end and there were shouts of my name."

"That's a discussion myself and the chairman will have, and I'm sure he will make the right decision that he thinks will take the club forward."

The day after Stimson left the club by "mutual consent", it was announced that all 14 out-of-contract players had been released and were free to seek employment elsewhere.

These included captain Barry Fuller and popular veterans Simon Royce and Mark Bentley.

However, it was noted that the next manager would reassess the situation when he is appointed.

Early favourite for the job is former player-manager Andy Hessenthaler, who recently missed out on three successive promotions with his new club Dover Athletic.

Hessenthaler told KOS Media early this week that he had received no contact from Mr Scally, but that he would like to return to full-time management.

"I've never hidden my desire to return to Football League management," he said. "But I am on contract at Dover and have a job to do to win the Conference South next season."

Another candidate had been thought to be first team coach Mark Robson, but he was released from his role at the club on Tuesday.

## Paedophile gets foreign travel ban

A NOTORIOUS sex offender has been banned from visiting an entire continent.

The foreign travel order prevents paedophile Frederick Stephens from going to Asia where it is believed he intended to 'buy a wife'.

He had been part of the Wonderland Club that was smashed in 1998.

Stephens was among 107 men arrested for 'trading' photos of children over the internet.

Stephens was jailed in 2001 for child sex offences.

This new order prevents the 55-year-old from going anywhere in the Far East for three years, thanks to the efforts of worried detectives.

The Margate father-of-two is also forbidden from entering Turkey.

It follows a civil action at Canterbury Magistrates Court. The case will not be reviewed again until at least May 2013.

Officers lodged the application after Stephens went to the Philippines last year without informing police, breaking a stipulation of his sentence for the distribution of indecent images of children in 2001.

A judge jailed him for 14 months last October for the breach.

He was brought to Canterbury from Wandsworth prison for the hearing last Tuesday.

A police source said: "He had to inform the police of his plans, and he didn't. That means he is back behind bars."



**BAN:** Stephens

# Former MPs support David Miliband in leadership bid

DAVID Miliband has won the backing of former Kent MPs in his quest to succeed Gordon Brown as leader of the Labour Party.

The ex-Foreign Secretary was the first to throw his hat in the ring following Mr Brown's resignation last Tuesday, and the decision has been welcomed by fellow party members in the Garden of England.

Should the 44-year-old win the leadership contest he will have until 2015 to rebuild the Labour Party and mount a serious election challenge – unless the new Con-Lib coalition fails before then.

Other possible contenders include Mr Miliband's younger brother and former Energy Secretary Ed Miliband, ex-Education Secretary Ed Balls and outgoing Chancellor Alistair Darling.

Gwyn Prosser, who lost his Dover seat to the Conservatives, gave his backing to the elder sibling while simultaneously slating Mr Balls.

He said: "David has shown himself to be a highly effective performer. He has good leadership skills and has done a great job as Foreign Secretary, but most of all he is able to articulate some of the most complex issues. That's essential these days."

"On the other hand Ed Balls has some unfortunate characteristics. I was not at all happy

with the way he stigmatised some of the very talented schools in Kent (as part of the National Challenge programme) and in my own constituency."

Before his election to Parliament in 2001, David Miliband had served as Tony Blair's Head of Policy and was credited for playing a major part in the Labour Party's landslide victory of 1997.

He served in various ministerial posts for the first several years of his tenure until being appointed Environment Secretary in 2006, and then Foreign Secretary a year later.

"I think David is dynamic and is an intellectual heavyweight who would have a broad appeal," said former Chatham and Aylesford MP Jonathan Shaw.

"He would be more than a match for the new Prime Minister and his deputy."

Despite refusing to reveal his pick for the leadership, former Gillingham and Rainham MP Paul Clark said both the Milibands could do a good job.

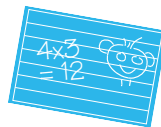
He added: "There's a wide range of talent out there and they both have their strengths."

"Both are equally very capable and possess a great number of positive assets."

"All the potential leaders would no doubt bring different things to the party, but the critical thing is that we have a leader who is energetic and who has a vision of how we should go forward."



**CONTENDER:** David Miliband has put himself forward



## BREAK TIME

### Boys show mettle on survival trek

THREE schoolboys from Sittingbourne put their survival skills to the test on a district Scout survival weekend.

The three boys, who all attend Borden Grammar School, pushed their teamwork skills to the limit when they trekked 42 miles across Kent.

The journey took students Aaron Thurston, 17, Joe Maloney, 16, and Philip Seabrook, 16, together with ex-Borden pupil Thomas Jeffrey 18, more than 20 hours to complete.

Under the rules the teenagers had to rest from 2am until 6am, which meant sleeping under the stars with just a sleeping bag.

A spokesman for the school commended the boys' achievement, saying: "They were tested on map-reading, navigation and team work and showed they could hit the standard in them all."

The boys said it was a great adventure and despite hurting they "skipped to the finish line on an adrenalin rush."

### Girls welcome their German visitors

GIRLS from Highsted Grammar School in Sittingbourne successfully took part in an exchange with German students.

Some 25 pupils from Erlangen, near Nuremberg, visited the school for 10 days where they took part in trips to Greenwich, Canterbury, Dover and London. They also attended shared lessons with year eight and year 10 students at the school.

# High praise from Ofsted for specialist school's teaching

■ BY JILL HURST

A SPECIALIST school based in Swale got resounding thumbs up from Government inspectors this month.

The Integrated Services Programme (ISP) School based in Sittingbourne and Teynham was launched in 1987, by a group of foster carers determined to deliver a high quality programme to disadvantaged children.

And if their latest OFSTED report is anything to go by, that's exactly what they have achieved.

As well as receiving a good report in every activity they were judged on – including the quality of education, student behaviour, students' progress in their learning and the range of curriculum – the school was also deemed excellent for its provision of student's moral, social and cultural development.

The Government inspector said of the school: "The great majority of students [at ISP] live in foster homes and are aged between 11 and 16 with severe behavioural, emotional and social difficulties

"Most have been excluded from their previous mainstream schools and many had irregular attendance and had become disaffected by education.

"Students' attainment on entry [to ISP] is generally below that expected for their age and the great majority have particular difficulties with social, communication and basic skills.

"ISP successfully nurtures and motivates



**HARMONIOUS:** The ISP School was praised for nurturing and motivating students with a range of complex needs

students who have a wide range of complex emotional and behavioural needs and re-engages them with learning."

The praise did not stop there, with the Government official highlighting the quality and range of therapists employed in the school and its inclusive nature, commenting: "Therapists, especially speech and language therapists who focus on the development of student's fundamental skills, are an outstanding feature of the school.

"The school is a harmonious community with everyone working together for their mutual benefit. The staff and student cultural mix helps them to appreciate other cultures and traditions, which helps to produce racial harmony and cultural diversity.

"As a result of a good curriculum, good teaching and effective support by the whole multi-disciplinary team, the students make good progress and their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding."

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## YOUR LETTERS

### MP pledges support for sufferers of ME

May is ME Awareness Month and your readers may wish to know that Damian Green MP has shown an interest in representing constituents suffering with ME (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis) at national level by supporting the All-Party Parliamentary Group for ME at Westminster.

Now that the votes have been cast and the new Government starts looking at cut-backs, we hope that Mr Green will remember the needs of vulnerable people with ME and other chronic health problems.  
**Sir Peter Spencer, Chief Executive Action for ME, by email**

### Keep sex offenders locked up for life

So Kent Police have lost track of fourteen sex offenders, seven of whom are deemed high risk?

It is scandalous that our country constabulary and the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) are seemingly incapable of monitoring extremely dangerous criminals. Such operational failure is wholly unacceptable.

However, what is even more disgraceful is that serious sex offenders are being released from jail on licence at all.

Every paedophile and rapist should be sentenced to life imprisonment with no chance of parole.

This way there would be zero opportunity for them to reoffend and the public would be kept safe from these vile predators.

**Clive Wilkins-Oppler, Canterbury**

### Coalition a recipe for more unemployment

Kent Green Party has examined the statements explaining what the new Coalition Government will do. Our immediate conclusion is that unemployment will rise significantly.

The new coalition is committed to immediate cuts in public spending of £6 billion, with worse to follow. This will, without question, lead to a rise in unemployment nationally and here in Kent and Medway.

This coalition is planning a second recession. Sectors such as local government, the civil service and the university sector are already shedding lots of jobs, despite obvious staff shortages.

This could be avoided: we could tax the wealthiest fifth of households more, and increase taxes on large corporations, whilst closing tax loopholes and bringing in a tax on currency transactions.

We can also cut the bloated defence budget by bringing our forces home from Afghanistan in line with public opinion.

The coalition also begins life without a promise of a fair electoral

## your blogger

Gareth Arnold would like to keep a low profile, but unfortunately facebook seems to have other ideas



**FACEBOOK**, with its friendly, blue lowercase f and cretinous, boggle-eyed farm animals is hiding a dark secret.

Or rather, it's not. In fact, it's not hiding much at all and therein lies the problem.

Just in case you don't already know, the uproar over the big f's privacy settings has finally, and publicly, exploded. This culminated in an emergency meeting at the American social network's headquarters last week to discuss why everyone has stopped playing Mafia Wars and turned the guns on them.

You see if you've never explored the brain-bleedingly complex privacy controls (50 different settings and 170 options), then the vast majority of your facebook interaction is available to the entire interweb.

Not just your friends, not just your network, not even just facebook users. The. Whole. Internet.

That drunken wall post in which you compared your boss with North Korean dictator Kim Jong-il. That picture of you vomiting on a friend's car wearing a blonde wig and a tutu. There for all to see, unless of course you've bothered to tell facebook otherwise.

It didn't always used to be this way. When facebook launched in 2005, only a fraction of this information could be seen by default, and none of it by the entire internet.

But things change, especially when information is worth money to third parties interested in accurately targeted marketing campaigns.

There will be some who are unbothered by this. I'm sure there are people who've never had a

compromising photo taken and are happy everything they post can be seen. But you're missing the point.

Currently, facebook's privacy settings are opt-in. If you don't change them yourself, no one is going to do it for you. Surely private should be the default setting?

Meanwhile some smug commentators are scaling new levels of supercilious self-satisfaction by claiming "it's your fault if you share that sort of information and don't check privacy settings. Noob! LoL!"

This sort of thing isn't helpful, and fails to note the huge variety of people currently using facebook.

Its bright, easy to navigate system is not targeted at tech heads.

It is purposely enticing everyday users who just want to stay in touch, and the interface implies a default level of privacy which does not exist.

Of course, the easiest way to avoid all this is not to join the first place, or failing that, delete your account.

This is where things get a bit freaky. Without Googling the increasingly popular "how do I delete my facebook account?" just try to commit social network seppuku.

Deactivation is straightforward, but does nothing to protect your privacy, or terminate your account. All your info is still there.

To escape facebook's clutches entirely the system is long (two weeks!), frustrating, and purposely complex.

Facebook is desperate to be your special friend forever... Get out while you can. To delete your account go to [www.wikihow.com/Permanently-Delete-a-Facebook-Account](http://www.wikihow.com/Permanently-Delete-a-Facebook-Account).

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system. Once again, despite clear public support, the new Government is to maintain one of the very few undemocratic electoral systems in the world.

We can only imagine how many Liberal Democrat members and supporters feel: they voted Lib Dem and got a Conservative Government with mainly Conservative policies.

Green Party leader Caroline Lucas MP has already issued a national media release encouraging disillusioned Lib Dems to join the Green Party.

Kent Green Party invites Lib Dems in Kent and Medway to examine Green Party policies and join us.

**Dr Hazel Dawe, Chair of Kent Green Party, by email**

### BNP's 'vile politics' rumbled at polls

So the BNP's Harry Williams (party candidate for Shepway) has a whinge after his party was comprehensively trounced at the General Election, barring a few extra protest votes.

In their target seats they and their "vile politics", as Labour's Margaret Hodge put it, were rumbled and so lost many of their local councillors; all in Barking; and got nowhere in the Parliamentary seats.

As Winston Churchill might have put it: "Never were so few so easily rebuked".

He'd also have seen right through leader Nick Griffin and volubly denounced him, especially for hijacking his image on their electioneering.

As for the BNP's 'indigenous' line, it was the 'English' who swamped the Celtic peoples etc about 1,500 or so years ago.

So in 1,010 AD it would have been Angles and Saxons in this country. Brits – who came from Brittany – Jutes, Vikings, Romans etc, etc, out perhaps?

Also, after the last ice age, the locals were just hunter gatherers and, as has been found from recent genetic research, it was migrants from the Middle East who brought their farming techniques and then inter-married to foster 'modern civilisation'. Who then is 'indigenous'?

As for 'foreign companies' buying some of ours, it's swings and roundabouts.

We set up and/or owned many of them originally during the sad old, and largely disreputable in my view, Empire days from which Mr Williams etc seem to be suffering a hangover.

Economies, as with companies, rise and decline and always have. However, I suggest we need to move on to seek better and more internationalist ways of doing things, and so find prosperity

without growth as more and more economists are arguing for.

So I leave the BNP to self-implode via its internal squabbles such as the recent coup attempt by Mark Collett (who has already been exposed on TV for praising Hitler) whilst the rest of us will continue to expose them to the public.

**Ray Duff, by email**

### Join the Ramblers at an unmissable price

The Ramblers is offering an unbelievable £1 membership deal to walkers across Kent who join them for Get Walking Day 2010 – a saving of £28.50.

To celebrate its 75th anniversary, and for one day only, Britain's walking charity will be giving away membership at unmissable prices.

As part of national Get Walking Day on Saturday, May 22, new walkers who take part in one of the fun, free short walks will be offered a £1 membership, that will give them access to 28,000 walks per year, discretionary discounts, and subscription to the award-winning Walk magazine.

The offer is available to people who join one of the named Get Walking Day strolls and is restricted to the first 30 joiners.

The Kent walk, organised by Canterbury Ramblers, will start at 10am at the University of Kent

Visitors Car Park, Giles Lane, Canterbury.

Entitled "Canterbury's Ancient Woodlands", it will be a four-mile leisurely walk through fields and woods mainly along footpaths and will involve some stiles. Everyone and anyone is welcome on Get Walking Day, no matter what their age, stage or walking ability.

So dust off those shoes, open your door and get your friends and family out to join the Ramblers on one of our fun, free, festival events.

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Make walking part of your life as the more you do, the better you'll feel.

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**Julia Bradbury, the Ramblers President**

### Dispelling myths that surround nursing

May 12 – Florence Nightingale's birthday – is International Nurses' Day and this year also marked the 100th anniversary of her death.

Nurses from Medway Maritime Hospital looked at some of the common misconceptions about nursing and how things have changed since the Lady with the Lamp walked the wards.

"A nurse is an assistant to the doctor"; "I'd equate nursing with something like hairdressing – there are some skills involved but not too technical"; "Not for those who could do a degree"; "I'm not sure you need to be a leader to be a good nurse – surely doctors have the final say anyway".

Those are just some of the comments highlighted in a recent report about nursing, which show that the public generally believe nurses to be put-upon victims of their vocation, unambitious and usually female.

The public image of nursing appears to have changed little since the days of Florence Nightingale.

This couldn't be further from the truth. Nurses are highly-skilled, educated to degree level and enjoy autonomy in their roles.

They work closely alongside doctors, not below them, and they are highly respected. And the number of male nurses entering the profession is increasing all the time.

Nursing is being done a disservice and it's only right to dispel some of these myths and let people know what a career in nursing is like.

**Jacquie McKenna, Director of Nursing at Medway NHS Foundation Trust, by email**



NOW HEAR THIS: Pulp's frontman Jarvis Cocker

## Cocker's sound idea for Trust

MUSICIAN Jarvis Cocker has worked with the National Trust to create an album taking listeners on a journey around its properties across Britain.

The former Pulp frontman has produced the 33-minute soundtrack titled National Trust: The Album, using the sounds of birdsong, crashing waves and the wind rushing through country gardens.

One of the tracks features sounds from Chartwell, the former home of Sir Winston Churchill at Westerham, near Sevenoaks. The album, which is available to download free from the National Trust website, has taken three months to produce.

A spokesman said: "It is designed to showcase the peace and tranquility people enjoy when they visit the special places cared for by the National Trust."

Jarvis Cocker's recording can be downloaded until the end of June at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/soundsalbum](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/soundsalbum).

# Online judgement puts sentencing ball in your court

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

THINK there are too many hardened criminals on our streets because of "soft" sentencing by out-of-touch courts and judges?

If so, check out a new interactive website which has been launched in Kent to counter that perception by allowing the public to pass their own sentences on virtual villains.

They can then compare the outcome of real life cases, with names changed, with their own sentencing suggestions.

One case is already online, and it appears most people agreed with the bench of magistrates shown in the interactive film of a man found guilty of criminal damage and given a community sentence. But a few wanted him locked up for three months. More cases will be uploaded in the coming months.

The Kent Criminal Justice Board (KCJB) said it is concerned many people still don't know what happens inside a real court room, nor appreciate how complex an apparently simple hearing can turn out to be.



**WEBSITE:** You judge the defendant in the interactive court which gives an eye-opening view of the justice system

It has created a chance for the public to judge and pass sentence on a real-life criminal court cases. The interactive guide to sentencing takes the viewer along the passage of justice step by step, explaining some of the usually hidden details.

It shows how the decision-making process works and gives visitors to the site the chance to be the judge and pass sentence themselves.

Acting Chief Constable of Kent Adrian Leppard, who chairs the Kent Criminal Justice Board, said: "Improving people's knowledge of how the criminal justice system in general and the courts in particular work is a key factor in improving public confidence."



Deputy chairman of the Magistrates' Association, John Fassenfelt, who sits on the Central Kent Bench, said: "The website is designed to open the system up to communities and help them see, first-hand, that the punishment fits the crime and the important part that magistrates courts play in serving their communities."

The KCJB is comprised of Kent Police, Crown Prosecution Service, Kent Probation, the Prison Service, Courts Service, Youth Offending Services and the Legal Services Commission.

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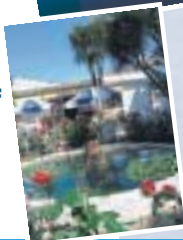
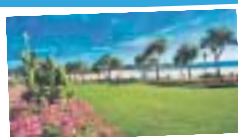
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## DAY & NIGHT

### Auditions for musical

AMATEUR actors aged from 15 to 75 are invited to audition for a new musical, Friday Night Forever.

The show will be performed at the Tower Theatre, Folkestone in September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Auditions are at 10am and 2pm on Saturday. Call Simon on 07772 100798 or email nebularsounds@hotmail.co.uk.

### Show tribute to actor

A CLASSIC Alan Bennett play will be staged in memory of actor and director, Peter Goldsmith.

Habeas Corpus is performed by Charing Guild of Players and Lenham Players at the Church Barn, Charing at 7.20pm on Friday and Saturday in aid of Cancer Research UK. Tickets are £7 from Wood You Like in School Road and by calling 01233 713725.

### Dyslexia explained

FIND out more about dyslexia when Peter Smith of Wildwood gives a talk on Tuesday.

Wild about Dyslexia: The Struggle to Free an Untamed Mind starts at 8.30pm at The Spires Academy in Westere, Sturry. A £2 donation would be appreciated. For details call Dyslexia East Kent Support on 0845 003 8979.

### Pianist plays classics

LOCAL pianist David Ruddock will give a recital of classical works for the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club on Sunday.

The concert, with music by Chopin, Schumann, Debussy, Liszt, Gillock and Beethoven, is at the Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs at 3pm and tickets are £9 or £32 for families of four. Call 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

### Army to invade club

ORANGE Street Music Club in Canterbury welcomes two members of New Model Army this week.

Founder and songwriter Justin Sullivan is joined by the band's guitarist-keyboardist for a semi-acoustic performance of New Model Army material at 8pm on Thursday. Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the door. To book call 01227 760801.

### By royal appointment

RUSSIAN vocal ensemble Lyra will perform at Christchurch Church in Ashford.

The ensemble from St Petersburg has toured widely and was invited to perform in London by Prince Charles.

The concert starts at 7.30pm on Thursday and tickets cost £5/£4 for adults, free for under 14s. Call 01233 620600 or email franthony@sky.com.

### Stand up for a laugh

ASPIRING comedians can step into the spotlight at Tom Thumb Theatre's open mic comedy night.

The small venue in Margate is holding the event on Saturday and tickets are £5 from The Joke Shop in Arlington Square, Margate. For details call 07904 554101 or email stevebradshawprents@yahoo.com.

# Little ships head back to beaches

## OPERATION DYNAMO 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday, May 25, to Thursday, May 27  
Ramsgate Royal Harbour

SEVENTY years ago, Ramsgate played an important part in one of the most extraordinary operations of World War II.

Over a period of nine days in May 1940, 338,000 British and Allied troops were rescued from the beaches and port of Dunkirk in France. The Admiralty commandeered 800 civilian boats as part of Operation Dynamo and these boats became known as the Little Ships. Next week, the remaining 50 Little Ships will return to Dunkirk to commemorate the dramatic evacuation.

To mark the 70th anniversary of Operation Dynamo and the contribution made by the community, Ramsgate will be the focus for a series of events. The commemorations start on the evening of Tuesday, May 25 with a talk by David Welch, professor of modern history at the University of Kent. He will be giving a talk called The Story of Operation Dynamo – The Evacuation from Dunkirk – at the Oak Hotel.

On Wednesday, May 26, there will be a range of events taking place as part of Dynamo Day, organised by Ramsgate Heritage Partnership. A service for the Little Ships will be held at Sailors Church with veterans' standards at noon, followed by the parade.

At 1pm a lunch will take place at the Oak Hotel with a special guest of honour – Celia Sandys, granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchill and author of Chasing Churchill. There will also be a tribute to Dame Vera Lynn, performed by Kas.

The Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Allan Willett, will inspect the Little Ships at the Royal Harbour at 2.30pm and Reverend Tom Heffer, secretary general of The Mission to Seafarers, will bless the boats. The Mayor's reception will be held at Custom House at 5pm, followed by a skippers briefing at 6.30pm.

Step back in time for a 1940s-themed night of fun at the Belgian Bar and Cafe, with Tony LeSurf and Four's A Crowd from 7pm. The day will finish with a bang as the spectacular firework display gets underway at 10pm.

Early the next morning, the 50 original Little Ships will set off for Dunkirk, escorted by HMS Monmouth, the RNLI and the Maritime Volunteer Service. As they make their way across the busiest shipping lane in the world, thoughts of the dramatic and courageous evacuation will be at the forefront of everyone's minds.

A number of events will be taking place at Dunkirk over the weekend, including a memorial service on the beach on Saturday, May 29, and the Little Ships will return on bank holiday Monday (May 31).

The Association of Dunkirk Little Ships has been returning to Dunkirk every five years

Ramsgate commemorates its role in Operation Dynamo, 70 years after the dramatic rescue that saved more than 300,000 lives in Dunkirk

Picture: THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL



since 1965, when broadcaster Raymond Baxter – who had recently bought a Little Ship – decided to start the event on the suggestion of his young son. The only exception was 1970, when bad weather caused the event to be cancelled.

Operation Dynamo was set in motion on May 26, 1940, when the War Office sent a secret cipher telegram to the Admiralty stating that an emergency evacuation of troops from the French coast was required immediately. Although British and Allied Forces were fighting hard to stop the German advance through Europe, Hitler's troops had forced

them to retreat and cornered the Allied Forces in a small area around Dunkirk.

Hundreds of privately-owned pleasure craft were pressed into service, being taken to Sheerness to be fuelled, then marshalled at Ramsgate where Naval officers, ratings and experienced volunteers were put on board.

From Ramsgate, they set out to undertake the daring rescue and more than 300,000 lives were saved as a result. Today, the phrase 'Dunkirk spirit' is still used to express courage and determination in the face of adversity.

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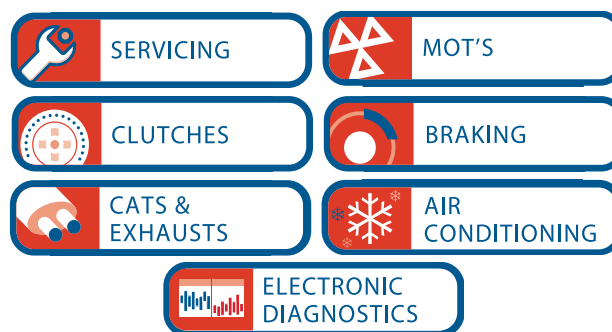
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Sunday, May 23, Winter Gardens, Margate

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Postman Pat has been delighting young audiences around the world for nearly 30 years and this week he will be bringing his little red van to Margate. Along with his trusty sidekick, Jess the cat, and his fellow residents of Pencaster, Pat will star in a fun show that will enchant all the family.

Everyone in Pencaster has received a special letter from the Palace, announcing an imminent royal visit to the village. The VIP is coming to open the

brand new SDS sorting office, so the village and its residents must look fantastic.

But when a storm rages through the visit, it looks like the much-anticipated royal visit might be in jeopardy. As Head of the SDS, Postman Pat springs into action and attempts to save the day with the help of Jess and his new SDS helicopter.

The show starts at 2pm and tickets cost £11.50 for adults, £9.50 for children and £38 for families of four. Call the box office on 01843 292795/296111 or visit [www.margatewintergardens.co.uk](http://www.margatewintergardens.co.uk).



## SUMMER SERENADE

Wednesday, May 26, Granville Theatre, Ramsgate

REVISIT shows from the past as the Granville Theatre hosts Summer Serenade.

The evening will be a celebration of music and song from much-loved musical theatre, performed by the Thanet Light Orchestra.

Vocals will be provided by singers Derry and Alice Martin during this concert of popular light classics. They have both recently landed leading roles with Ramsgate, Canterbury and Herne Bay Operatic Societies.

Founded in 1946, the orchestra is made up of professional and amateur musicians and they play a wide variety of classical and light music.

Originally known as the Broadstairs Philharmonic Orchestra, it changed its name to the Thanet Philharmonic Orchestra before becoming the Thanet Light Orchestra in 1981.

George Martin has been the conductor since 1969 and more than 40 years on, the orchestra is still thriving under his leadership.

The proceeds of the concert will be donated to the Granville Theatre, towards the cost of running and restoring the building.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £8/£7. To book call the box office on 01843 591750. For more information visit [www.granvilletheatre.com](http://www.granvilletheatre.com).

## LUCY PORTER IN FOOL'S GOLD

Saturday, May 22, Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



ENJOY an evening of 24-carat comedy as Lucy Porter reveals her thoughts on the glory of gold.

In her latest stand-up show, Fool's Gold, the charming comedian explores man's obsession with the precious metal and how the current financial climate has elevated its worth. Since the recession, gold has become more highly prized than ever, but why are we so captivated by the shiny, metallic substance?

The show promises to feature live alchemy, a tribute to Mr T and a very valuable 'gold thing'.

With her usual witty and enchanting approach, Porter gets big laughs out of unlikely topics. Combining a sharp sense of humour with the chummy persona of a gossip friend, Porter is a perennially popular comic and her show won great reviews at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

She has made appearances on Never Mind the Buzzcocks, Have I Got News For You and Mock the Week and won Celebrity Mastermind last year.

The show, suitable for over-16s, starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £15/£13. To book call 01227 769075 or visit [www.thegulbenkian.co.uk](http://www.thegulbenkian.co.uk).



## BOB KENWARD AT FAVERSHAM FOLK CLUB



Wednesday, May 26, The Chimney Boy, Faversham

KENT music hero Bob Kenward has been entertaining folk fans for 30 years with his popular songs.

Next week, Faversham Folk Club welcomes the local musician to perform the songs that have earned him such a strong reputation over the decades. Renowned for his ability to chronicle life in Kent, both old and new, Kenward is one of the county's finest singer-songwriters.

His songs include Man of Kent, Sweet Pippin, King Hop, Doctor Syn and Romney Tower, which have become a staple part of the local repertoire and proved inspirational for other singers. Attracted by the strong choruses and appealing lyrics, many other artists have performed and recorded Kenward's songs.

Capturing the unusual elements of life, Kenward creates something memorable with his songs. He is also a talented musician, accompanying his singing on guitar, mandolin and harmonica. His set ranges from love songs to social commentary.

The concert starts at 8.30pm and tickets cost £5 for members of £6 for non-members. For more information call 01795 536857.



## JIM DAVIDSON: IF I RULED THE WORLD

Friday, May 28, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



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The London-born comic began his show business career at the age of 12 and won the TV talent show New Faces, after an unsuccessful audition for Opportunity Knocks. After several series of his own TV show, he starred in the sitcoms Up the Elephant and Round the Castle and Home James.

Davidson proved himself to be an engaging family presenter, hosting the game shows Big Break and The Generation Game. But he continues to be a highly popular, if often controversial, adult comedian and is renowned for his blue material.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £21.

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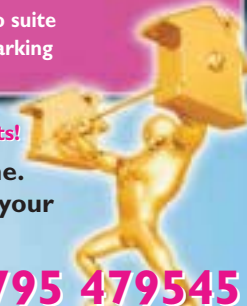
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■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

NEW-wave pop-rockers Blondie have been added to the Hop Farm Festival's bulging bill of all-time musical greats.

The timeless Debbie Harry-fronted outfit – famed for hits such as Sunday Girl, Heart Of Glass, Atomic and Hanging On The Telephone – will perform on the first day of the Paddock Wood weekender, taking to the stage before headliner Van Morrison.

Los Lobos, Imelda May and Damien Dempsey have also been added to that night's main-stage line-up.

The following day will see Bob Dylan, former Kinks frontman Ray Davies and Libertines singer-songwriter Pete Doherty grace the same stage.

They will be joined by Mumford & Sons, Seasick Steve, Laura Marling, The Magic Numbers, Foy Vance and Johnny Flynn.

Hop Farm bosses have also named a host of second-stage performers.

These include Afro Celt Sound System, Richard Thompson, Peter Green & Friends and Sweet Billy Pilgrim (all Friday) and Devendra Banhart, Jim Jones Revue, Tunng, Medway blues guitarist Pete Molinari and Jon Allen (all Saturday).

Festival-founder Vince Power said the latest additions had already gone down well with Kent's music-lovers.

"It's fantastic that we continue to see such a positive response from Hop Farm Festival fans," he said. "With the latest additions to the bill plus second stage and a third to be announced soon, there will be something for everyone."

The Hop Farm Festival will be held in Paddock Wood on Friday Saturday, July 2-3.

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**LINE-UP:** Van Morrison, Blondie, Los Lobos, Imelda May, Bob Dylan, Ray Davies, Mumford & Sons, Seasick Steve, Pete Doherty, Devendra Banhart, Pete Molinari



**ATMOSPHERE:** Enjoy a meal in Saint-Leu in Amiens before sampling the area's nightlife. Below, the gothic cathedral is a UNESCO heritage site.

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■ BY ED HILL

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On your way to the region's capital Amiens, why not stop off at the town

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of Albert, which was totally rebuilt after 1918? An excellent lunch can be had at the Basilique restaurant in the town square opposite the church, with its famous golden statue of an angel and baby Jesus on the top of its tower.

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Wander the ancient streets around the cathedral. The mighty gothic structure is a UNESCO world heritage site, with a remarkable façade full of intricate carvings of saints, kings and folklore.

An evening meal in the waterside district of Saint-Leu offers the chance to soak up the atmosphere of French dining.

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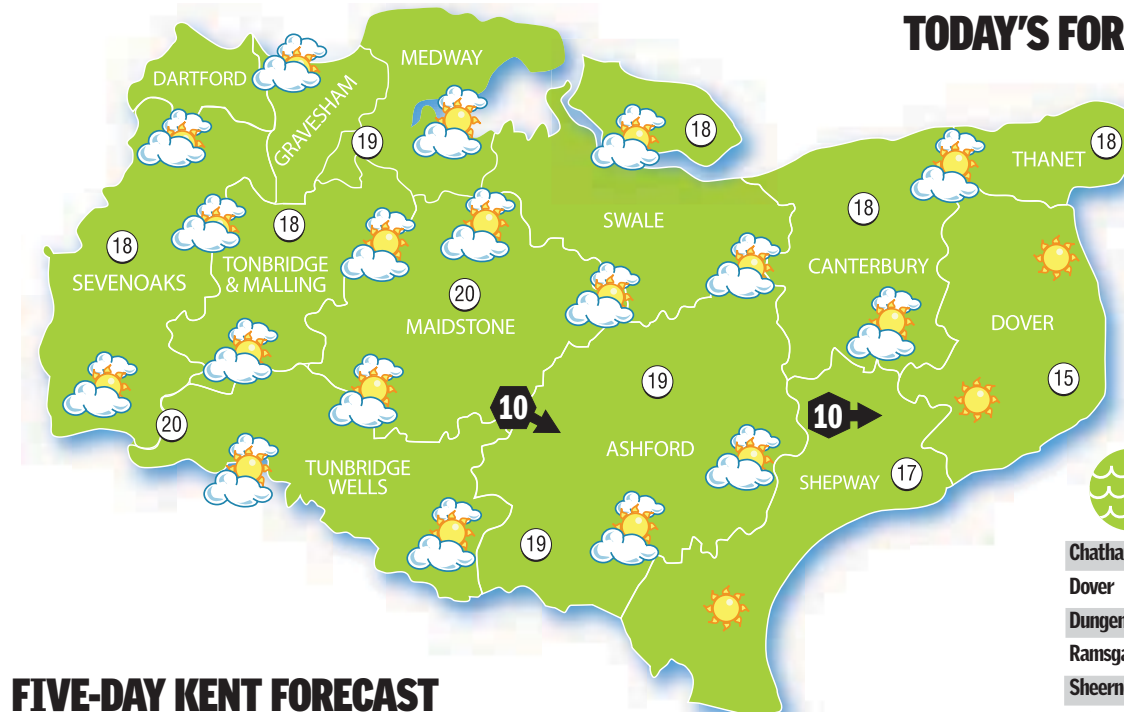


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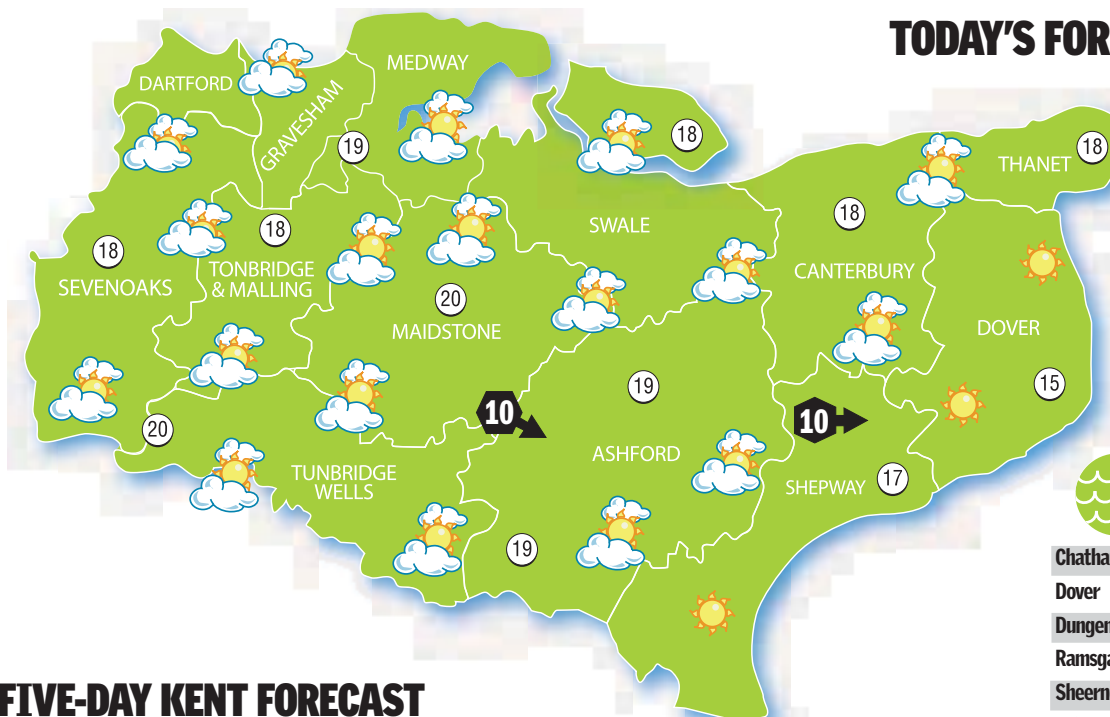
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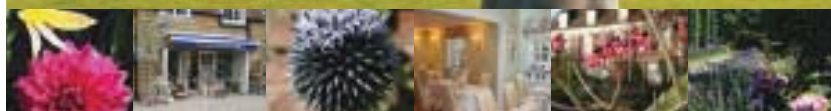


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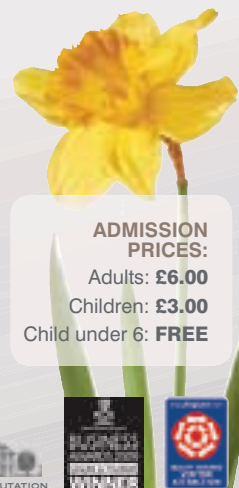
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# Russell Crowe doesn't quite hit the bullseye in Scott's Robin Hood

■ BY DAMON SMITH

EVERY generation has its own version of Robin Hood.

Douglas Fairbanks donned the tights with pride in the early 1920s, followed by a dashing Errol Flynn with a feather in his cap in the 1930s and Richard Greene in the long-running 1950s TV series.

Disney cast a wily fox as Robin in the splendid 1973 animated version before Michael Praed and then Jason Connery portrayed "the hooded man" in the popular ITV series Robin Of Sherwood.

Kevin Costner flexed his bow to Bryan Adams' (Everything I Do) I Do It For You and most recently Jonas Armstrong sexed up the Saturday night schedule on BBC One as the eponymous crusader.

With each new incarnation, the mythology has been embellished and any historical veracity sacrificed at the altar of artistic license.

Director Ridley Scott and leading man Russell Crowe – who worked together on the Oscar-winning *Gladiator* – reunite for a thunderous new opening chapter in the legend of the 12th century folk hero.

Shot with Scott's typical bombast, this Robin Hood juxtaposes spectacular battle scenes with romantic interludes, political intrigue and melancholic flashbacks, all set to Marc Treitenfeld's rumbustious score.

It's unabashedly macho and predictable with an inevitable battle cry for Crowe to rally the troops into action: *Gladiarcher*, if you will.

Richard The Lionheart is slain on the battlefield by the besieged French.

Fearless archer Robin Longstride (Crowe) and his friends Little John, Will Scarlet and Allan A'Dayle head back to England.

In order to secure safe passage back home, Robin poses as slain knight Sir Robert Loxley and continues the ruse with the dead man's wife, Marion (Kate Blanchett), in order that she clings onto the family estate once ruled by the now blind and decrepit Sir Loxley.



**GLADIARCHER:** The latest Robin Hood starring Russell Crowe (above) as Robin, is unabashedly macho and predictable

Over time, Robin falls in love with Marion but any chances of an enduring romance are threatened by double-crossing Godfrey (Mark Strong).

Meanwhile in London, Prince John seizes the throne but quickly makes enemies of advisor William Marshal and his mother, Eleanor of Aquitaine.

Robin Hood is a lively jaunt through Plantagenet history, incorporating the famil-

iar figures of Friar Tuck and the Sheriff of Nottingham.

Crowe's accent roams the British Isles depending on who he is acting opposite, which is distracting, but Blanchett is luminous with an unshakable Nottingham burr, which adds warmth to some choice lines of dialogue.

"I sleep with a dagger," Marion warns Robin when they first meet. "If you so much as move to touch me, I will sever your manhood!"

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Strong doesn't overplay his villain, hissing all of the usual orders to kill Robin, with flecks of humour courtesy of the soon-to-be Merry Men.

Screenwriter Brian Helgeland ends with Robin and co exiled in the forest, accompanied by the title card, "And so the legend begins".

If Scott's film hits the bullseye at the box office, you can be sure that Robin and Marion will ride again in a sequel.

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**ALL AT SEA:** BBC4 have documented actor Timothy Spall's barge trip around the UK



**YOUR TV REVIEW** TIMOTHY SPALL – *SOMEWHERE AT SEA*: BBC4, 10.30pm, Wednesday

■ BY ED HILL

YOU may have noticed BBC4 is currently in the middle of its *Sea Fever* season.

These themed nights give the corporation a chance to repeat a load of programmes under the banner of one all encompassing title.

But really it's just a cheap way to fill up the digital channel's airtime.

*Sea Fever* is no exception, but to make the viewer feel like they are not being totally ripped off, one or two new programmes are commissioned to hang the whole schedule on.

One of these is the actor Timothy Spall's trip around the British coast in a barge.

Timothy Spall: *Somewhere at Sea* is entertaining, but I am not sure if it's for the right reasons.

To say that Mr Spall is a nervous sea goer is putting it mildly. I have never seen someone so willingly

put them themselves in front of a camera to show how out of their depth they are (excuse the pun).

Timothy tells us he first began his boating life on the canals of Britain.

Then after a cancer scare he decided, with his wife Shane, to have a Dutch barge built so they could motor their way from port to port around the country.

I can't believe that the amount of stress he suffers in making the shortest sea-going trip is going to help the Leukaemia stay in remission.

In last week's episode Timothy and Shane had to make their way around Land's End to Newlyn, but first the actor, best-known for his breakthrough role in *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*, had to navigate

his way past the infamous Lizard Point. The Lizard is a long four-mile rocky outcrop that stretches under the sea. In bad weather it has caught out many seafarers.

Our hapless thespian skipper waited three months for the weather to be calm enough to take on the challenge. Even then, when the sea showed all the viciousness of one of those water features you see trickling away at a garden centre, he thought he might have to turn back. His anxiety levels rose as the Beaufort wind scale dropped to zero.

Despite this giving the viewer the feeling the best option is to jump overboard and swim for the shore, Timothy Spall's honesty about his lack of expertise is engaging.

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Hatchback 1.6  
Zetec 5dr**

Cash Price	Deposit	58 Monthly Payments	Weekly Equivalent	1 Final Payment
£9499	£1250	£180.80	£41.72	£330.80
Total Amount Payable £12067.20*		APR 11.9%		



**08 Ford Fiesta  
Hatchback 1.4  
Style 3dr**

Cash Price	Deposit	48 Monthly Payments	Weekly Equivalent	1 Final Payment
£6990	£950	£155.93	£35.98	£305.93
Total Amount Payable £8740.57*		APR 13.3%		



**57 Ford Mondeo  
Hatchback  
2.0 Edge  
5dr**

Cash Price	Deposit	56 Monthly Payments	Weekly Equivalent	1 Final Payment
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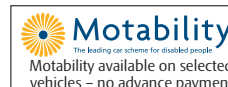
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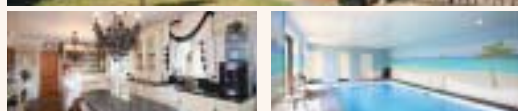
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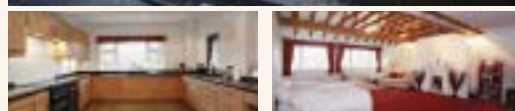
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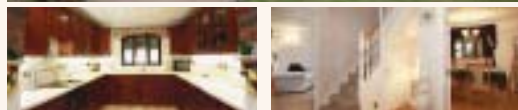


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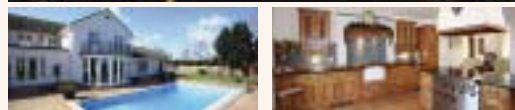


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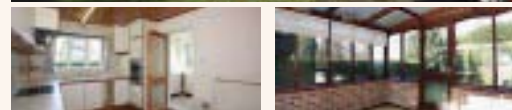


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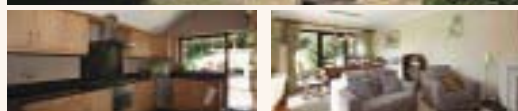


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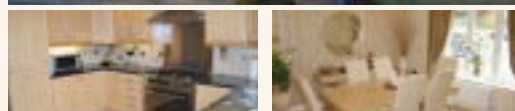


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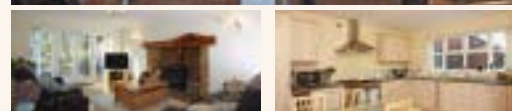


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• 24FT LOUNGE DINER  
• CONSERVATORY



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• 2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
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• SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION  
• GARAGE

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• 2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
• DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM  
• IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY

REF: Rainham\_63292S



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• INTEGRAL GARAGE AND OFF ROAD PARKING  
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• 2 / 3 BEDROOMS  
• LOUNGE  
• DINING ROOM



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• BEDROOM 3 / RECEPTION ROOM  
• GARAGE  
• DOUBLE GLAZED  
• GAS CENTRAL HEATING

REF: Rainham\_64677S



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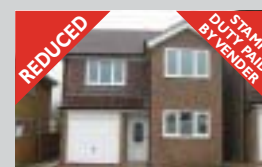
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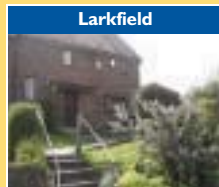


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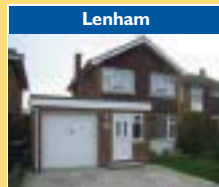


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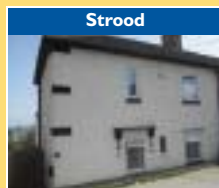


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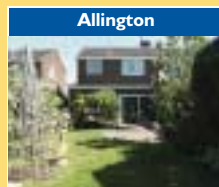


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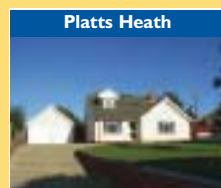


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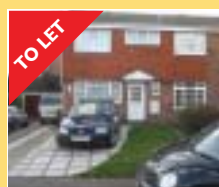


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## CRICKET

BY STEVE TERVET

## Kent League Premier Division

## Gore Court 1st XI v The Mote 1st XI

GORE Court were stubborn in their resistance against The Mote on Saturday as the visitors were forced to settle for a winning draw at The Grove.

Batting first, The Mote looked bright and scored 257 from their 55 overs, despite losing eight wickets, and Court knew they had a mountain to climb if they were to reach the target.

Their scoring never looked quick enough to threaten a victory, but The Mote were still four wickets short by the close, with Court finishing on 206 for 6. Just six points now separate the pair after two rounds of the 2010 Premier Division.

Meanwhile, Court's 2nd XI were also on the wrong end of a drawn game as they fell just short of the finishing line in a thrilling encounter against Sandwich 2nds at The Butts.

In a stop-start innings, Sandwich racked up 213 for nine with Scott Blackman (43), Rhys Jones (42) and Daniel Burgess (42) keeping the scoreboard ticking over. Nigel Sharp took three for 42 from his 15 overs as Court did enough to keep themselves in the game.

Victory appeared to be within their grasp as Matt Tombs hit nine fours on his way to 67, with Aaron Glass (32) and Sanjay Patel (47) keeping the run-chase on track.

However, a lower-order collapse left tail-enders Barry Smith and Michael Neame tasked with batting out the final overs and the game ended in the balance with Sandwich unable to claim the final wicket and Court six runs short of a dramatic win.

# Court second best but hold on to avoid defeat



**TOUGH GOING:** Gore Court 1st XI failed to reach the 257-run target set them by visitors The Mote who had to settle for a winning draw

## SCOREBOARD

## Sandwich Town 2nd XI

	Runs
Kevin Beaumont ct Tombs b Crompton	0
John Ewart ct Smith b Glass	4
Rhys Jones lbw b Neame	42
Zack Fagg b Sharp	7
Daniel Burgess ct Foster b Crompton	42
James Bolt ct Patel b Foster	21
Dan Cook b Foster	0
Ben Thurgate ct Sharp b Sharp	10
Connor Summers not out	18
Colin Aldred not out	1

Extras (1b 2lb 21w 1nb) ..... 25  
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs) ..... 213

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Dave Crompton	13	4	50	2
Nigel Sharp	15	3	42	3
Matt Barnett	3	0	26	0
Michael Neame	4	0	22	1
Nathan Foster	5	0	38	2

## Tunbridge Wells 1st XI

	Runs
Matt Tombs b Cook	67
Ali Rushworth b Bolt	2
Aaron Glass ct Burgess b Thurgate	32
Sanjay Patel ct Thurgate b Aldred	47
Matt Barnett ct Thurgate b Beaumont	25
Paul Geary ct Summers b Beaumont	17
Nathan Foster lbw b Beaumont	0
Dave Crompton b Aldred	2
Nigel Sharp st Ewart b Beaumont	3
Barry Smith not out	1
Michael Neame not out	1

Extras (4b 1lb 5w 1nb) ..... 11  
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs) ..... 208

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Connor Summers	5	1	29	0
James Bolt	4	0	19	1
Kevin Beaumont	13	0	40	4
Ben Thurgate	4	0	21	1
Colin Aldred	15	4	49	2
Dan Cook	9	1	45	1

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

## Gravesend 1st XI v Upchurch 1st XI

UPCHURCH sit second in Division Three after a superb father-and-son combination led them to an impressive victory away to Gravesend.

Michael Hales opened Upchurch's run chase with 88 before Michael Hales jnr came in at number five to hit 62 not out as the visitors reached their target of 252 with five wickets in hand.

Earlier, James Butler had scored exactly 100 as Gravesend reached 251 for four, with Benjamin Phillips contributing 51 to the tally on a good day for batsmen.

## Gravesend 1st XI

	Runs
Pedro Venus lbw b Parker	8
Charles Nash b Hales jnr	39
James Butler c & b Bond	100
Simon Davies lbw b Bewick	1
Benjamin Phillips not out	51
Craig Maguire not out	21
Jon Jones did not bat	1
Dale Clarkson did not bat	1
Matthew Dalton did not bat	1
David Cosford did not bat	1
Andrew Quinton did not bat	1
Extras (10b 4lb 15w 2nb)	31
Total (4wickets, 50 overs)	251

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Marc Bond	15	3	68	1
Daniel Parker	7	1	23	1
Theo Barnett	5	0	42	0
Adam Hodder	8	2	44	0
Craig Bewick	12	0	44	1
Michael Hales jnr	3	0	16	1

## Upchurch 1st XI

	Runs
Michael Hales lbw b Cosford	88
Andrew Shirley ct Maguire b Quinton	32
Adam Hodder b Cosford	8
Theo Barnett ct Cosford b Dalton	27
Michael Hales jnr not out	62
Lee Stepany ct Cosford b Nash	2
Marc Bond not out	21
Paul Wright did not bat	1
Daniel Parker did not bat	1
Alan Collins did not bat	1
Craig Bewick did not bat	1
Extras (6b 3lb 8w)	17
Total (5 wickets, 48 overs)	257

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Matthew Dalton	12	0	62	1
Dale Clarkson	7	1	31	0
Andrew Quinton	14	1	51	1
Charley Nash	7	0	56	1
David Cosford	8	1	48	2

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

## Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI v Rodmersham 1st XI

KEVIN Jones hit a half century for Rodmersham, but it did little to change the outcome as Betteshanger Colliery romped to victory by six wickets.

Jones (54) and Dave Cogger (26) got the visitors' innings off to a decent start following the early departure of Nick Denly. Brothers Derek and Clive Towe changed the game, bowling economically and taking six wickets between them to bowl out Rodmersham for 139.

Chris Garton hit 56 to get Betteshanger's reply off to a decent start while Liam Collins steered them home in the 37th over with an unbeaten 20.

## Rodmersham

	Runs
Nick Denly b J Towe	0
Dave Cogger ct McNicholas b C Towe	26
Kevin Jones run out (Jo Towe)	54
Sandeep Rodrigo lbw b D Towe	6
Liam Foster b D Towe	14
Michael Jones b C Towe	1
James Beech ct Collins b J Towe	15
Matthew Godden ct J Towe b D Towe	2
Darren Nokes ct Friend b D Towe	2
Nazoomi Azhar st J Towe b Ja Towe	3
Naj Hashimi not out	0
Extras (6b 4lb 6w)	16
Total (all out, 43 overs)	139

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Jamie Towe	7	1	33	3
Michael McNicholas	5	0	32	0
Derek Towe	15	5	29	4
Clive Towe	15	2	30	2
Liam Collins	1	0	5	0

## Betteshanger Colliery Welfare

	Runs
Clive Towe ct Foster b Nokes	0
Chris Garton b Azhar	56
Jamie Towe ct Denly b Azhar	16
Joffy Towe ct Foster b Godden	22
Liam Collins not out	20
Derek Towe not out	6
Michael McNicholas did not bat	1
Gareth Friend did not bat	1
Darren Fletcher did not bat	1
Martin Jones did not bat	1
Steve McNicholas did not bat	1
Extras (4b 8lb 11w)	23
Total (4 wickets, 36.3 overs)	143

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Sandeep Rodrigo	6	2	19	0
Darren Nokes	6	1	20	1
Nazoomi Azhar	13.3	3	38	2
Kevin Jones	3	0	16	0
Naj Hashimi	1	0	9	0
Matthew Godden	7	0	29	1

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

## Bapchild 1st XI v Offham 1st XI

OFFHAM secured their first win of the season in style with a convincing eight-wicket victory at Bapchild.

An inspired bowling attack damaged Bapchild's innings early on leaving them 3 for 3 at one stage, before they recovered to post 140 from their 50 overs.

With only 140 to beat, Offham made a steady start to the run chase with Tom Gittings (21) and Kraig Corke (34). However, runs from the unbeaten pair of Ben Gittings (35) and Watt (46) clinched the win in the 31st over.

## Bapchild 1st XI

	Runs
Alex Ward ct A Kent b Watt	1
Ricky Dale b Watt	0
Andries Hattingh lbw b Cox	0
Alan Hampton b A Kent	26
Adam Larking lbw b Stuart	20
John Heatley b Watt	17
Luke Mackay not out	44
Lee Cogger ct Cox b Watt	11
Dave Wassell b Cox	2
Matthew Roche b Watt	1
Joshua Hunt not out	1
Extras (1)	17
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	140

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Leonard Watt	15	3	49	5
Andy Cox	12	6	15	2
Andrew Stuart	3.5	0	16	1
Ben Regan	14	4	31	0
Adam Kent	5.1	0	23	1

## Offham CC 1st XI

	Runs
Tom Gittings b Hampton	21
Kraig Corke ct Hunt b Roche	34
Ben Gittings not out	35
Leonard Watt not out	46
Lawrence Bell did not bat	1
Adam Kent did not bat	1
Tom Boucher did not bat	1
Andrew Stuart did not bat	1
Daniel Kent did not bat	1
Ben Regan did not bat	1
Andy Cox did not bat	1
Extras (1)	6
Total (2 wickets, 30.5 overs)	142

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Adam Larking	6	2	14	0
Joshua Hunt	3.5	0	25	0
Alex Ward	2	0	18	0
Alan Hampton	8	2	21	1
Matthew Roche	7	1	29	1
Andries Hattingh	2	0	16	0
Ricky Dale	2	0	17	0

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

## Macknade 1st XI v Deal Victoria &amp; Barns Close 1st XI

A GRIPPING contest eventually went the way of Deal Victoria & Barns Close as Macknade fell one wicket short of victory with two overs remaining.

The home side struggled with the bat initially, but Chris Jay (41) and Andrew Machin (43) revived them before Steve Taylor's 71 lifted them to a competitive total of 236.

Deal wickets fell regularly throughout their innings, but the runs kept adding up and Sam Killip anchored the innings with 44 to help his side across the line.

## Macknade 1st XI

	Runs
Phil Rowcroft b Moran	5
Kaylem Short b S McNamara	8
Lee Rigden ct Stephen Moran b S McNamara	7
Chris Jay ct Ryan Taylor b S McNamara	41
Andrew Machin b Beau	43
Scott Davenport st Andrew Furness b G McNamara	5
Steve Taylor b Beau	71
Jonathan Holmans ct Josh Erskine b Beau	16
Jamie Rigden ct Scott McNamara b G McNamara	15
James Jarrett not out	12
Darryl Cook not out	1
Extras (2b 6lb 3w 1nb)	12
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	236

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Scott McNamara	11	2	53	3
Stephen Moran	10	1	50	1
Graham McNamara	14	0	47	2
Shane Beau	15	3	73	3

## Deal Victoria &amp; Barns Close 1st XI

	Runs
Shane Beau ct L Rigden b Cook	46
Ben Smith ct Rowcroft b Jarrett	27
David Gibb lbw b J Rigden	25
Andrew Furness ct Jay b Cook	10
Robbie Brannan ct Short b J Rigden	27
Ryan Taylor run out	0
Stephen Moran b J Rigden	4
Sam Killip not out	44
Scott McNamara ct Machin b Short	42
Graham McNamara lbw b Short	0
Josh Erskine not out	0
Extras (10b 4lb)	13
Total (9 wickets, 48 overs)	239

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Kaylem Short	9	0	50	2
James Jarrett	10	1	32	1
Darryl Cook	15	1	71	2
Jamie Rigden	11	1	48	3
Chris Jay	3	0	23	0

# Town seek defender as Hythe swoop for Shearer

## FOOTBALL

BY STEVE TERVET

FAVERSHAM Town manager Justin Luchford has expressed his disappointment at losing Lee Shearer to Hythe Town but insisted the defender is far from irreplaceable.

Shearer struck 15 league goals as the Lilywhites swept to the Kent League title but has opted not to make the step up into the Ryman League next season, preferring instead to join another promotion push at Reachfields.

Luchford said Shearer's departure had not come as a surprise but admitted he would leave a big hole in the Town defence which conceded just 23 league goals in 2009/10.

He said: "I have to thank Lee for all he's done for us, especially this season because he played his part in winning us the league. He's a very good player, good to have around the changing room."

"However, the bottom line is money talks – [Hythe] offered him obscene money as they have every time they've spoken to one of my players. That's down to him and we were planning to get someone else in so nothing changes for us."

"I couldn't match what Hythe were offering and we never wanted to. It's the same as always – Hythe and other clubs have come in mid-season – but we won't budge on the way



**TOUGH LOSS:** Justin Luchford (inset) says Faversham couldn't match what Hythe Town were offering the defender

we do things because we do things the right way. We won't spend a lot of money because it creates animosity among the players."

Luchford has yet to make his first signing of the close-season but still intends to do all his business by mid-June, in time for his holiday and then the start of pre-season training.

Despite thriving on the competition and bustle of the football season, Luchford admitted the summer months of negotiations and rumours are less to his liking.

"It's not a great time to be a manager," he

said. "In fact, it's the worst time of the year because I sit at work, wondering who's speaking to who. Football's about changing and I've made no secret of the fact most of my sides will be built around youngsters with one or two older players."

"I'd love to have a bigger squad but funds determine otherwise. If I have 16 or 17 players, I'll be more than happy because we haven't got money to throw around. I can't keep 18 or 19 players happy every week so we'll go with what we've got."

Picture: Shearer: NICK DUNCAN; Luchford: IOR KUPRO

## FOOTBALL



**HONOUR:** Mark Rogers receives FA Respect and Fair Play award from Prince William at Wembley

## Fair play lands Sunday league Respect award

A KENT Sunday Football League secretary was honoured by Prince William before Saturday's FA Cup final at Wembley.

Mark Rogers of the Sheppey Sunday League was chosen as the winner of the Football Association's Respect and Fair Play award in the adult league grass-roots category after being nominated by the Kent FA.

Rogers, 47, played an influential part in the delivery of the FA's Respect Programme throughout the Sheppey Sunday League.

"My wife and I were bursting with pride at the award ceremony," said Rogers. "It was such an incredible experience to go to Wembley and meet Prince William."

### Proud

"This award is for everyone who's been involved in the Sheppey Sunday League. The managers and players deserve a lot of praise for the way they've embraced the Respect Programme."

"I'm so proud of them all."

At the awards ceremony, Prince William praised the clubs, leagues and individuals within the game who have continually sought to promote high standards of behaviour, both on and off, the pitch.

Kent County FA Respect officer Stephanie Gadd, who joined Rogers at the ceremony, said: "The Sheppey Sunday League are great advocates of everything the Respect Programme stands for."

"The Kent FA is pleased and proud that Mark Rogers and the whole of the league have been recognised in this competition."

The week saw a double celebration for Mark who was also chosen as a winner in a community award competition organised by the Kent FA after being selected for his outstanding contribution to community football. He will receive the award in September.

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**BAD RUN:** Shane Byrne is finding the going tough this season

## Byrne kept in Checa by dominant team-mate

## SUPERBIKES

SHANE Byrne endured a painful weekend at South Africa's Kyalami circuit as his World Superbikes season continues to stutter in the shadow of his team-mate, Carlos Checa.

The 34-year-old crossed the line 15th in the first race while Checa had his Althea Racing mechanics smiling as he finished second behind Ducati Xerox rider Michel Fabrizio.

Byrne has yet to finish in the top five this season and his form is beginning to concern Althea bosses, while Checa continues to enjoy greater success on the same bike.

The Sheppey rider, twice the British Superbikes champion, improved slightly in race two, coming in 13th, but Checa once again outshone him with a fifth-placed ride.

Althea general manager Genesio Bevilacqua said: "We will have a technical meeting with regard to Shane in order to help him out of this dark period."

Byrne remains 12th in the standings on 62 points while Checa, now up to 141 points, sits joint-third alongside Jonathan Rea. The championship is turning into a two-horse race between Max Biaggi and Leon Haslam ahead of round seven at Miller Motorsports in Tooele, Utah.



**NEW FACILITIES:** Sheppey Rugby Club has drawn up plans for new clubhouse which would more than double it in size

## Isle club plan to Ditch clubhouse for new one

## RUGBY

EXCITING times lie ahead for Sheppey Rugby Club as officials and supporters finalise plans for a huge clubhouse redevelopment project at The Ditch.

The Islanders have drawn up plans to be submitted to the Rugby Football Union, who may provide grants to help fund the project, which would see the existing clubhouse more than double in size.

The proposed alterations would see the construction of four RFU-spec changing rooms, a physiotherapist's room and laundry room as well as a large bar area, function hall and gymnasium.

A club spokesman said: "The changing rooms are larger than for football because there are more players in a team and there are bigger men in rugby."

"We plan to extend the existing clubhouse and there will be slight changes to the layout of the pitch."

"Most rugby clubs are always looking to improve their clubhouse and we need to make the whole club more usable for members of the public and for juniors."

On the field, Sheppey finished the season eighth in Kent 1 and lifted the Kent Salver after a 34-10 win over Gillingham Anchors.

They will look to make further strides next term under the stewardship of coach Peter King, who takes over from Frank Davis.

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